

Arizona Game and Fish Department
2221 West Greenway Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85023



Arizona Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Basic Rules and Procedures

The Arizona SCTP will participate in three shotgun shooting disciplines; American Trap, American Skeet, and Sporting Clays, in four divisions; Rookie, Intermediate, Jr. Varsity, and Varsity.

The Arizona SCTP will operate under the overlying guides and philosophies of the National Shooting Sports Foundation SCTP. For more information on National SCTP rules please see the SCTP Official Handbook at <http://www.nssf.org/sctp>.

GOVERNING BODIES

For each discipline, Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays, rules of the governing bodies will be followed.

Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) www.shootata.com.

National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) www.mynssa.com.

National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) www.mynsca.com.

Everyone competing at the SCTP State and National Championships **MUST** be a member of the National Governing Body for the discipline contested. You can find more information about this on page 2 of the SCTP Official Handbook including target years for the disciplines as well as reduced prices for SCTP participants.

<http://www.nssf.org/sctp/PDF/2006/SCTPhandbook.pdf>

DIVISION DETERMINATION

The divisions are determined not by age, but by academic grade level.

Rookie Only open to participants in grades 5 and under, no younger than 9 years of age at the start of the target year

Intermediate Only open to participants in grades 6, 7 and 8

Jr. Varsity Only open to eligible participants in grades 9-12 for a maximum of two (2) SCTP seasons while participating in this discipline. **Ineligible for Jr. Varsity:** Any 9th-12th- grade participant who, since beginning grade 9, was ever a member of a Jr. Varsity or Varsity squad (previously identified as a Sr. Novice or Sr. Experienced squad) in a SCTP National Championship where their squad placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd (for this discipline).

Varsity Open to participants in grades 9-12 who are beginning their 3rd or 4th SCTP season participating in this discipline since beginning grade 9 –**or**– to any participant in grades 9-12 wishing to compete at an advanced level. **Also eligible:** Any 9th-12th grade participant deemed ineligible for the Jr. Varsity Division by their squad's placement of 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a SCTP National Championship (for this discipline).

ONE team member from a lower SCTP Division may shoot on a higher Division squad in order to make it a full SCTP Basic Competitive Unit. (A full squad for; trap (5 members), skeet and sporting clays (3 members), with no limit to how many squads there may be per team). NO higher Division team member will be permitted to shoot on a lower Division squad.

Team members registered in a specific SCTP Division MUST compete in that Division AND ONLY in that Division for the ENITRE SCTP Target Year. The SCTP Target Year concludes with the SCTP National Championship for each of the disciplines.

Teams

All participants MUST be members of an officially recognized SCTP Team. A team is a minimum of one full squad in the SCTP Division the club wishes to participate in. A team must designate one gun club or shooting facility as its "home" gun club.

A team must conduct regular practices defined as a MINIMUM of 6 team practice sessions (each on a separate day) for the team members at the team's home gun club with each team member shooting a minimum of 25 targets at each practice session. Team members MUST ATTEND 6 TEAM PRACTICE SESSIONS in order to be eligible to shoot in a SCTP State or National Championship event.

Participants may choose to participate in 1 of the 2 closest clubs to their home address. Participants may not be a member of, nor compete for, more than one team during any one SCTP target year. Once a participant registers with a team, the decision is an irrevocable one.

SHOOTER ELIGIBILITY

All school age youths in Grades 12 and under with the physical, mental and emotional maturity to participate in a team sport are eligible to participate in the SCTP. Participants must be bona fide students enrolled in a primary, elementary, middle, junior or senior high school or enrolled in a home schooled program and deemed academically eligible. (See below for academic eligibility). SCTP program eligibility ends with graduation from high school, or once a student reaches his/her 20th birthday, whichever comes first. High school graduates with graduation dates in the fall semester and the spring semester of the current SCTP Target Year are eligible to compete in their discipline's SCTP State and National Championships

Academic Eligibility

All students who participate in the Arizona SCTP must achieve a 2.0 minimum grade point average with NO F's to be deemed academically eligible.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants in Arizona SCTP will be held to a shooter's code of conduct and may be removed from the program by their lead instructor or the state officials for failure to adhere to the code.

All shooters must always conduct themselves in a safe and professional manner while at a shooting range. This includes no horseplay, no foul or offensive language, no throwing of equipment including hats and shells, and absolutely no pointing of firearms of any kind at other individuals.

Shooters must respect coaches, teammates, and competitors and behave in a sportsmanlike manner.

Parents, Guardians, and other observers of competitive events are also held to the shooters code of conduct and are prohibited from interaction with the shooters during the event, this includes between sporting clays stations. Parents, Guardians and observers are encouraged to politely cheer for the participants but shouting and interaction directly with the participants is prohibited. In the events of trap and skeet, observers are required to remain behind the shooting field at all times and refrain from interaction with the participants between traps and between posts.

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS

Clubs may impose separate rules and requirements on their own shooters as long as those rules and requirements do not conflict with the State's rules or goals. These additional rules will be submitted to the state for documentation.

Clubs may hold practices as often as desired and at times deemed best by the individual club and their coaches. The structure of these practices is determined by the individual club as long as it does not interfere with the mission of the state or national governing rules.

Due to facility constraints the lead instructor of a club may elect to cap the number of participants on their SCTP team. This cap will be approved by the state. In the case that a cap is necessary the club must keep record of all students turned away and create a waiting list. The club must also create a standard for participant removal from the SCTP team due to failure to regularly participate or based on disciplinary actions. Any club may remove any participant who does not meet the requirements set forth by the club or who does not adhere to the safety regulations or code of conduct set forth by the state at any time. At the time of a participants removal from the team the club must contact the individual at the top of the waiting list and give them the opportunity to participate in the program.

STATE AID

Clubs will receive from the state supports in the form of;

Targets and ammunition on a per shooter basis

Safety equipment including ear plugs, eye protection, and hats

Loner firearms.

COSTS

There will be a \$25.00 fee for all students participating in the Scholastic Clay Target Program. This fee will go to the sponsoring club to help cover program costs.

SHOOTS

Fun Shoots

There will be three state-wide fun shoots that all shooters are eligible to participate in. A fee will be charged for these shoots.

Commissioner's Cups

There will be three state shoots, one for each discipline. A fee will be charged for these shoots. Only shooters who are academically eligible may participate in these shoots. Any club may deny a shooter participation in events with just reason. This may include disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or other behavioral reasons.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Championship Teams

Grants will be awarded by the state to teams competing in and taking first place in the State Shoot events.

COACHES

All coaches are required to go through a training program designed and administered by the state. For more information on this process or to volunteer please contact your club's lead instructor or the State Shooting Sports Coordinator.